



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

3-P March 29, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE A REVISED PLAN OF EXPENDITURE
FOR THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITIONS OF 1992,
ALLOCATE COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL
DISTRICT, AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR
THE FRIENDSHIP PARK GENERAL REHABILITATION PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$131,000 in Specified Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and allocate County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$121,000, for a total not to exceed \$252,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for general improvements at Friendship Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Friendship Park General Rehabilitation Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the records of the project.
2. Approve a Revised Plan of Expenditure for the Department of Parks and Recreation to fund its Friendship Park General Rehabilitation Project by reallocating an amount not to exceed \$131,000 in Specified Funds originally allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (1) pursuant the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992.

3. Allocate County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$121,000, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Friendship Park General Rehabilitation Project.

4. Authorize the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to utilize unspent Specified Funds of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) by approving a Revised Plan of Expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$131,000 in Specified Funds under Section 8.a.1 to fund the Friendship Park General Rehabilitation Project (Project).

Approval of the recommended actions will also allocate County Excess Funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in an amount not to exceed \$121,000, to DPR for the Project.

The proposed Project involves general rehabilitation at Friendship Park, including the purchase and installation of fencing and bollards throughout the park to improve safety and security and replacement of section of roofing. The total estimated project cost is \$252,000 and will be fully funded with the recommended 1992 Proposition Specified Funds and 1996 Proposition County Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Acting Director), in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant to DPR when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Acting Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing grant funds to enhance healthy activities in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$252,000, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Assessment and Excess Project Funds, HD4 and HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects prior to July 1, 1998. That procedure remains the method by which specified project funds may be approved by the Board for other uses. An agency may submit a revised plan of expenditure to use the funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition after the grantee's governing body considers and approves the revision of its project at a public meeting.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. After this grant agreement is executed, DPR will be eligible to receive Excess Funds.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District for County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Acting Director will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The County is the lead agency for the proposed Project

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of replacement of section of roofing and installation of fencing and bollards, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15302 and 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 2 (a) and 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves replacement or reconstruction of structures with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose and capacity and construction of accessory structures.

The proposed Project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project's records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Acting Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

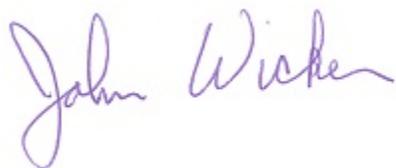
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended Project will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER

Acting Director

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors